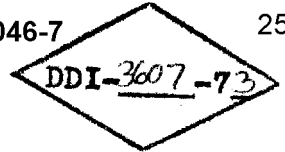


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Basic and Geographic Intelligence
Director of Current Intelligence
Director of Economic Research
Director of Strategic Research
Director, Imagery Analysis Service
Director, Central Reference Service
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information
Service

SUBJECT : Colby Conversation with Dr. Kissinger
and General Scowcroft

1. The following excerpts were taken from a memorandum for the record on the subject:

- The Kissinger-Helms understanding was reaffirmed; i.e., that all White House requests for CIA support or assistance should be funneled through Dr. Kissinger or at least subject to his appeal. (This refers to any unusual requests or any which require a significant amount of time.)
- Dr. Kissinger expressed his particular desire for intelligence support in the following areas:
 - a. That our analysis clearly bring out alternative interpretations and possible developments and that he not be subjected to any consensus language. Colby said that it was his intention to update the NIE process with this in mind; that he was trying to develop identified experts

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in major areas or functions to draw together the best expertise in intelligence on these subjects; that he was conscious however of the need for the intelligence to be presented in a fashion which clearly brings out its strengths and weaknesses.

- b. Kissinger stressed the need for warning, commenting that this is less a military problem than a political problem. He said he would probably not be able to ask all the questions as he would be involved in many other things. Concurring, Colby said he thought it his responsibility to anticipate Kissinger's needs and to look ahead to problems on the horizon and call Kissinger's attention to them at an early stage. Colby referred to this as political strategic warning.
- c. Dr. Kissinger expressed particular concern over Sino/Soviet developments and relationships. He said that it is very important to him to have a constant assessment on these relationships and the directions in which they are moving.

2. I am providing these excerpts for your background and guidance. Although I do not expect you to circulate this memorandum, you may share the concepts with those in your Office who will benefit from them. I am interested in getting some new ideas on how we can satisfy Kissinger's expressed needs, particularly with respect to Sino/Soviet developments and relationships. Please give me any ideas you have on these matters.

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